

The Tribune Coal and Food Fund is composed of contributions from the public, and every dollar of it is applied directly to the relief of destitute people in this city after careful previous investigation. Ordinarily this relief takes the form of uncooked food, or coal. All expenses in the management of the fund, salaries to the staff, and the cost of the food, are the source from which The Tribune Fresh Air Fund has been so long conducted. Supplies for the coal and food are obtained at the lowest possible rates lower than any private family can procure them, and often at rates one-half to two-thirds less than the poor in the ordinary way actually pay for them.

In investigating destitute cases, and sometimes in their relief, The Tribune Coal and Food Fund is aided by the Executive Board of the Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor, the Children's Aid Society, and many other agencies. Agents of these societies are sent to the homes of the poor, or other workers among the poor who wish to make use of this fund for the relief of their families. Mr. William Parsons, at the Tribune, Applicants themselves should not be

Two votes were taken yesterday in the Senate on the aptly named "vacuum" bill, and they doubtless furnish a fair test of the sentiment of that body on Mr. Bland's latest pet idea. A week ago the bill was advanced, to the vexation of its opponents, by means of sharp parliamentary practice. A motion to reconsider this action was defeated yesterday by a vote of 28 to 45; and a subsequent motion to recommit the bill for amendment was lost by 27 to 44. The majority in each case was seven-

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Previously acknowledged.....	\$20.97 70
E. K. K.....	10 84
Ten per cent, Columbus, Ohio.....	2 00
Martha, W. H., Great Barrington, Mass....	2 00
E. J. B.....	4 00
R. F. C.....	5 00
A. S. H.....	2 00
C. (Special).....	1 00
J. W. (Special).....	1 00
Girls' Helping Hand Society, of Marazet- ville, N. Y.....	1 00
Bloom.....	1 00
E. R. Atwater.....	1 00
T. S. Clarkson.....	1 00
H. H.....	25 00
Port Richmond, L. I.....	15 00
E. E. C.....	1 00
N. N. Waitor, N. Y.....	1 00
L. T.....	1 00
A. M. B.....	1 00
J. M. C. H. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.....	5 00
J. M. C.....	5 00
King's Daughters, Honolulu, Penn.....	1 00
Howell, New Hampton, N. Y.....	1 00
B. O. R.....	2 00
Channing Ellery.....	1 00
F. H. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	5 00
F. D.....	1 00
F. L. J.....	1 00
E. M. O. (Special).....	2 00
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W. A.....	10 00
Total, March 14, 1891.....	\$216.77 54